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PROCESSING IN A RELATIONAL DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.105

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

I. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2003, no claims have been cancelled, amended or added. Claims 1-66 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application is requested.

II. Requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.105

In paragraph (4) of the Office Action, the Examiner requested, under 37 C.F.R. §1.105, if the "Royal Bank unearths profitability solution" article, or any similar article, was published in any other public forum. In particular, the Office Action requested whether this, or any similar article, published prior to one year before the filing date of the present Application.

Applicant's attorney submits herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 by George R. Hood in response to this requirement, wherein Mr. Hood states that he has no knowledge of the publication, or any other publication, being published prior to one year before filing date of the above-identified patent application. Moreover, Applicant's attorney has no knowledge of the publication, or

any other publication, being published prior to one year before filing date of the above-identified patent application.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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